WASHINGTON, D. C., MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1907.

# TEARFUL GOOD-BYS FOR FLEET'S MEN

Note of Sadness Marks Eve of Departure.

SHIPS WILL SAIL TO-DAY

Pass in Review Before the President at 8 o'Clock.

Last Night Ashore Sees Depression of Earlier Gayeties, as Sad-faced, Gray-haired Mothers Mingle with Rosy-cheeked Though Downcast Wives and Sweethearts in Final Farewells to Gold-laced Sailors.

Fort Monroe, Va., Dec. 15.-The wives the mothers, the daughters, the sisters, and the sweethearts who are here to see America's great battle-ship fleet sail to-morrow on its 14,000-mile journey to the Pacific are withholding their emotions on this night of partings.

Everybody is trying to look cheerful, and everybody is succeeding fairly well. But deep down under the surface there is a general feeling of depression, and the flood of women's tears that will flow before to-morrow's sun has set will shame the little rain showers that fell

On this last evening the big lobby of the Chamberlin Hotel, the center of social interest and activity at Fort Monroe, is crowded with officers of the navy and those who have come to say good-

#### The Last Farewells.

officers are in their gold-laced uniforms, and the women are dressed in their best. Every woman there apparently tried to make herself as fascinating as possible. Many of the officers and their woman folk sat around in groups and talked fast, so as to be able to say as much as possible before the long separation

Sweet-faced, gray-haired mothers, who had private opinions about the call of duty, held hands with their gold-laced sailor boys, and every wife, sister, and daughter was turned hero worshiper, and didn't care who knew. And the sweethearts, dozens of them, were making the most of every moment and wondering if they were going to cry when the youngsters in blue and gold went back to their ships for the long journey

Sailing Orders Issued.

Sailing orders were issued to-day. Every officer must be aboard his ship at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning. Shore liberty for the jackies and marines ended at 10 ng. It was on the big armorelads, and hundreds of persons went out to them to share the

A choppy sea and cold day kept the timid on shore up to early afternoon. when the sky cleared up a bit and gave promise of fairly good weather for the farewell ceremonials. Many men and women not of the navy sat at luncheon tables in the fleet, and a large number of these lingered for tea, and then hur. ried back to the Chamberlin to dress for the evening. It was pretty dull ashore while this was going on out in the Roads. but to-night every officer who could get away came to Fort Monroe to take part in the closing scenes on land.

Many of the officers spent part of the day writing letters to those at home, and the women were busy with letter writing, too. One young wife wrote a note to her husband, who will leave with the fleet, and gave it to an officer of her husband's ship, with instructions to deliver it to the husband on Christmas morning.

Many Christmas Surprises. When the young wife told other young wives, and incidentally imparted her Christmas scheme to a few sweethearts and some mothers, there was a rush of women to the writing-room. took like wildfire. Half the officers of the fleet have been impressed into service as mail carriers, and when Christmas morning arrives there will be happy surprises in cabins and wardrooms and

If the copies of the papers in which this will be printed could possibly reach the fleet before Christmas, the story would not now be told, for it is a strict secret, and to give it away to those whom it is intended to please would be cruel injustice to trusting women.

Rear Admiral Evens, the commanderin-chief of the magnificent aggregation of battle ships which will sail for the Pacific to-morrow, spent the day at the Chamberlin with his wife, his daughter, Mrs. Marsh; his son, Lieut. Franck Tay lor Evans, and some other kinfolk. He was the center of interest in the hotel lobby. The members of his family seldom left his side, but they had to share their possession of the grim old sailor with

### Much Shore Liberty.

This morning at muster the crews of every battle ship listened to an order issued by Admiral Evans in which he appealed to the men to endeavor to uphold the honor and dignity of the United States when they were in foreign ports. Shore leaves will be liberal, the orders said, but they must not be abused. they were abused, the whole enlisted force of the fleet would suffer curtailment of liberty.

It would be necessary, the order ex plained, to restrict shore liberty in ports infected with yellow fever or other infectious or contagious disease, but on the whole the men would be given as large opportunity as possible to see the places where the fleet would stop.

transfer of Japanese mess attendants conductors for a readjustment of wages from the fleet. Some officers are angry and conditions, including a 10 per cent over losing their servants, but on the whole there is little criticism of this ac-

Japanese Are Angry. It is well understood in the fleet that

### WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia-Fair to-day and to-morrow; light to fresh westerly winds.

### HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

TELEGRAPHIC. 1-Pacific Fleet Starts on Cruise To-day.

1-Musician Lombard Tries to Die. 1-Bourke Cockran Is for Bryan. 1-Battered Liners Crawl Into Port. 1-Church Indorses an Accused Banker. 3-New York Lid Not on So Tight. 3-Fish Talks of His Plans.

4-Funston Asked to Retain Troops. 9-Rockefeller to Sell Best Auto. 9-Elopers Arrested on Ship's Arrival.

1-Friends of School Change on Increase. 1-Speaker Cannon's Supporters Busy. 2-Rev. Z. H. Copp Visits Dark Spots. 9-Rush of Aliens to America

#### NOTED GEOLOGIST DEAD.

Prof. Contreran, Mexican Expert on

Earthquakes, Passes Away. Mexico City, Dec. 15.-Advices from Guanajuato announce the death at his home there of Prof. Juan L. Contreran, the most famous astronomer, geologist, and meteorologist Mexico has produced He made a life study of seismic dis turbance and their causes. He predicted many of the earthquakes in Mexico many days before they occurred.

He gave warning of the last severe shock of earthquake which did much damage in Mexico City and in the State of Guerrero fifteen days before the visita-

#### KILLED IN GAS EXPLOSION.

Woman Dead and Her Six Children Injured in Accident.

Pittsburg, Dec. 15 .- Mrs. Charles Talsk, of 2041 Straubs lane, was literally blown to pieces early this morning by an explosion of natural gas in her home. Her six children were injured more or less, all being thrown from their beds when the It is a gay scene. All the departing house was wrecked by the explosion,

Mrs. Talsk went into the front room of the home about 7 a. m. to light the gas stove, which was fed through a rubber It appears that the rubber hose had become disconnected in the night, allowing the gas to escape and fill the

Mrs. Talsk struck a match which caused the explosion, blowing out the entire front of the house. The house took fire, and was completely destroyed.

### LOMBARD TRIES TO DIE

Believed to Have Lost \$5,000,000 in Few Months.

In a Critical Condition at Lugano, Married Daughter of a Congressman.

London, Dec. 15 .- A dispatch to the Excritical condition.

Doctors are attending him night and day. It is expected that he will recover. It is stated that the motive for the deed was that Lombard had sustained losses, estimated at \$5,000,000, in the last few

Louis Lombard was born at Lyons, France, December 15, 1861. He was educated at the National Conservatory in Marseilles. After completing his musical studies there, he came to New York and entered Columbia Law School. During the course of his studies at Columbia,

Lombard became naturalized. He married Miss Alice Maud Allen, the he remained a director for some time. It is thought that his marriage brought M. Lombard a fair competence. When he left this country he built a home, the Chateau de Trevano, at Lugano, Swit-

to the chateau. Here M. Lombard has made it a prac tice to stage his own operas. He has then, as a rule, sent elaborate accounts of the productions to the newspapers of

zerland. A private theater was attached

M. Lombard was chairman of the con-New York Manuscript Society, and the Society of Arts and Sciences, London. He was the author of several books and a

### FAMOUS GEOLOGISTS REFUTED.

orado Grand Canyon.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.-Earthquakes and landslides have wrought wonderful like a mass of mere foam. changes in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado and the river that flows through the many others who crowded around to great gorge. One hundred miles northshake hands and wish him good luck on east of Peach Springs and above Hualpa series of dangerous rapids and narrow falls nearly a mile long. The whole front of the mountain has fallen and has obliterated them, leaving the water calm in a broad channel.

E. A. Anderson and G. A. Atkins, prospectors, just returned, made these tered a sea that was taller than the for discoveries. They found specimens of copper and, iron, including a remarkable bowlder of the latter, as large as a haystack, inverted. A deposit of gravel was found under twenty feet of granite, refuting famous geologists who have main tained that no such thing existed.

### Railronders Not to Strike. '

New York, Dec. 15 .- Reports in circu lation to-day that sixty-five railroads east of the Mississippi were preparing for a There is much talk about the wholesale threatened strike of the trainmen and Five Are Recovered, and Survivor increase of wages, were dis evening by officials of some of the roads.

### Banquet to Gov. Post.

San Juan, P. R., Dec. 15.-A banquet the official explanation that the Japanese H. Post, who was recently reappointed governor of the island by President of enlistment will expire before the fleet Roosevelt. Chief Justice Quinones, of the Supreme Court, made a speech wel- Philadelphia, and Seaman George Bo- dance in a tastefully decorated room in coming Gov. Post upon his return.

# AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

Change in Price of The Washington Herald, Beginning with the New Year.

\* Beginning Monday, December 30, the subscription price of The Washington Herald, delivered at homes and offices in Washington and suburbs, will be fifty cents per month for all issues, or forty cents per month—ten cents a week—for the daily or week day issues

In the streets, at newsstands, and on trains, the uniform price will be two cents for the daily issue and five cents for the Sunday issue.

During its first year, The Washington Herald showed unparalleled growth. No other newspaper at the Capital ever gained, in so short a time, such a large local circulation. The people of Washington gave immediate proof of their appreciation of the new newspaper. It came into a field that was waiting for it. Having demonstrated that it is, in fact, as well as in claim, "A Paper of Quality," its price, from the date named, will be commensurate with its character.

It intends to be worth the price-one of the best two-cent daily newspapers in the whole country-and asks the continued support of all Washington people toward that end. Several reasons-all logical reasons-might be given for the increase, but the one logical reason—the paper will be worth it—is sufficient.

It means to give full value received with every issue; and to be in the future even a greater credit to the Capital and to newspaperdom than it has been in the past.

It has spent money freely in achieving its journalistic aims thus far, and this policy of enterprise and progress will be emphasized as time goes on.

Great Liners Reach Port After Terrible Storm.

SEAS RISE SEVENTY FEET HIGH

Giant Waves, Driven by Eurricane, Break Over Crippled Steamers and every opening on deck, and she complete sylvania, Using Oil, Makes Only 49 Miles in 24 Hours' Time.

New York, Dec. 15.-The storm-harassed fleet of liners that came into port to-day was one of the biggest ever seen here

Some bore scars of their tussle with the tallest seas that have ever slapped the slow boats. The Hamburg-American Liner Pennsylvania had the roughest ator Dolliver, alleging that Cummins handling she ever has received. Capt. agreed not to be a candidate for the Sen-Schmidt had to resert to oil on the after, ate against Allison, was no pied at all, noon and night of December 8 to smooth and that he has never made such a the crests.

Chief Officer William Hennecke, who has been making Atlantic voyages twenpress from Geneva says that Louis Lom- ty-two years, was surprised when he shooting at Lugano, where he lies in a ing night to see that it registered 28.50, lower than he had ever seen.

> Wind 100 Miles an Hour. The German liners use the Beaufort scale in measuring wind velocities, and the top notch is 21, meaning hurricane force, Mr. Hennecke said the ship needed another number or two to tell the force of the blast that piled up the great

> crests. It surely was more than eighty miles, and seemed at times to be close to a hundred. While the Pennsylvania was striving against this wind she made only fortynine miles in twenty-four hours. No nassenger was permitted to come on deck,

and all the storm doors were on. On the afternoon of the worst day, December 8, a giant wave toppled over the daughter of Congressman Allen, of St. port bow and set the ship astern a bit Louis, on September 28, 1899. Shortly by its mighty force. A green section of afterward he founded the Conservatory of the wave smashed two heavy doors in Music at Utica, an institution in which the deck house forward, one sheltering the companionway to the steerage quar-

ters and the other the forecastle. Panic Among Passengers.

There were 1,359 steerage passengers, chiefly Russian Jews, and they became panic stricken when they heard the boom ing of the wave as it halted the ship, making her tremble in every steel frame The women ran from their compartments, screaming. They implored the steerage stewards and officers on duty there to save them. Many fell on their gress of the National Association of knees and prayed, and the stewards and Music Teachers, at Chicago, in 1893. He officers had a hard time getting the was a member of the Authors' Guild, the frightened immigrants back to their the Union depot at Omaha. quarters. That is when the ship began to use oil to ward off the blows of the

> There seemed to be between 2,000 and 3,000 feet between the crests, which rose at times almost to the height of the seventy feet above her waterline. The decks were smothered in spray for hours at a time, and all the horizon looked

Steamers Behind Time.

The Anchor Liner Astoria, four cays behind time, was distressed by both weather and deranged machinery, one of her condensers having given out when she was two days out from Moville. lay to twenty-four hours in a nasty sea while the engineers made repairs.

The North German Lloyd Liner Breslau. from Bremen, got entangled in the same part of the turmoil that lashed the Penn sylvania. Capt. Prager said she encour cross-trees, and that she shipped some of Two steerage passengers were injured by falls, one so seriously that it was nec sary to amputate his foot.

The Lorraine, of the French Line, was two days late, the Cunarder Lucania more than a day behind time, and the St. Paul, of the American line, a day. When the storm was at its worst they made less than a third of their usual speed.

### BODIES FROM LAWSON WRECK. Tells of Disaster.

Londen, Dec. 15 .- Five bodies have been recovered from the wreck of the sevenmasted American schooner Thomas W. Lawson, which capsized and sank during the gale yesterday morning while she was anchored off one of the Scilly Islands. Two of the dead have not been identified. The others were Mark Sanson, cabin boy, of Brooklyn; Victor Hansel, of limke. G. W. Allen, the English sailor the mill.

#### belonging to the Lawson, who was picked up unconscious near the scene of the wreck, has since died.

Before his death he recovered condousness and gave an account of the lisaster. After telling how the schoone had run into Broad Sound and anchored to escape the fury of the storm, he said that a tremendous squall struck her about 3 o'clock Saturday morning.

The squall struck the Lawson broadside on, and it came so suddenly that before she had time to begin to swing with it it hove her down on her beam ends and prevented her from righting herself. The water poured into her through Strike Panic to Passengers-Penn- ly capsized before the survivors had time

to launch a boat. Capt. Jameson, of the American Line steamer St. Louis, reports that he never before encountered such terrific weather as was met with Friday night and Saturday morning.

## CUMMINS IN THE FIELD.

Governor of Iowa to Make Race for Senator Allison's Seat.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 15 .- Gov. A. B. Cummins, in a final statement to-night, states that the letter given out by Senpledge, directly or indirectly, to any one

makes formal announcement of his candidacy for Allison's seat. He charges bard attempted to commit suicide by looked at the barometer on that bluster- that his enemies have maligned him incessantly and distorted his motives.

#### CHRISTMAS BUYING IS FATAL. In Effort to Avoid Waking Children, Father Fractures Skull.

prevent his children from seeing the Christmas gifts he was bringing home caused Bernard McGroder to receive injuries last night from which he is dying. McGroder has three children, and all along he has promised them that Santa Claus would bring them all sorts of nice presents on Christmas. Last night he went downtown and did some shopping. When he arrived at his home, 28 Sunset avenue, he entered, and feared to light the gas or make a noise for fear the children, who were on the lookout for Santa, would awaken and investigate. He opened a door which he thought led upstairs. He stepped forward and fell mutual benefit, under stress, thereby be dispensed with, and that he would not tion finding embodiment in Senator Bure

### BRYAN MAKES PROTEST. Wants Better Facilities for Transfer

of Passengers at Omaha. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 15.-W. J. Bryan ha ter facilities for the transfer of passengers between the Burlington depot and

Mr. Bryan suggested the construction of a subway between the two depots. This suggestion was never before brought to the attention of the State commission a vexed question.

## Pennsylvania's crown, and more than EXPLAIN NEW MARRIAGE LAW. Priests in New York Churches Ask

That Licenses Be Procured.

New York, Dec. 15.-Announcements were made from the pulpits of the Roman Catholic churches of this city to-day in reference to the new State marriage law which goes into effect January 1. The clergymen explained that all those contemplating a religious marriage must personally apply to the county clerk, for which \$1 is to be charged. Any clergyman performing the ceremony without a

# CANNOT GIVE LIQUOR AWAY.

Following Christmas Custom.

Pittsburg, Dec. 15.-The edict has gone orth from the police department that no curb the activities of these men, its saloonists were to be permitted to give masters, Christmas presents of liquor over the bar on Christmas Eve.

"They may send packages to their friends' homes," said Superintendent of Police McQuaide, "but the indiscriminate distribution of small bottles of at the bar on the night before Christmas is responsible for an epidemic of drunken ness each year, and it must stop."

### Concert in Spinning Mill.

Manchester, Dec. 15 .- The Viscountess Brackley yesterday christened a 1,600torsepower engine at the Walkden Spin ning Company's new mill at Walkden Manchester, the first spinning mill built here for over thirty years. Subsequently old, toppled from his chair and died of refreshments were served to a large party heart disease.

# COCKRAN FOR BRYAN

Paves Way for Advocacy of Noted Nebraskan.

SPEAKS AT NEW ROCHELLE

Reviews Recent Financial Flurry and Declares That the Country Is in the Power of a Plutocracy of a Dozen Men Who Seek Only Their Own Selfish Ends and Policies,

New York, Dec. 15 .- W. Bourke Cockran prepared the way, to-day, in an adiress before the People's Forum, at New Rochelle, for his advocacy of somebody very like William Jennings Bryan as the Although Mr. Cockran specifically stated that his address on "The Silent Revolution in Our Political System" was to be viewed in none other than a non-partisan light, an echo from Nebraska rever- Dispenses with Sermon to Bemoan berated through his discourse beyond the

degree of coincidence. The meat of Mr. Cockran's remarks election of 1896 the same property interests that combined at that time to combat free silver have remained cohesive, through the constantly

Mr. Cochran drew an analogy between Augustus Caesar, who ruled imperial Rome even under the shadow of a re-Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 15 .- His anxiety to public, and several uncrowned Caesars us to believe that we lived under a re-

#### the power. Deals with Politics.

"I propose to deal with the tendencies the church people. n our political regime as I see them to-I may seem to be partisan.'

recent panic and alluded to the fact that in his possession. immediately after credit dropped the banks and trust companies united for lown the cellar stairs, fracturing his throwing over for the minute the instinct of business rivalry.

"What I would call your attention to," the government took part in the effects wrong that is charged against him. informally complained to the State rail- to stem the tide, it was a subordinate action of this citizen and his advisers. A peril greater than war or riot was met acted upon by agencies entirely outside the machinery of government.

#### Power of Plutocracy. "In 1896 there was a real issue before the people," Mr. Cockran continued, "which was accepted as of transcendent

importance. Rightly or wrongly, it was believed that property interests were at stake, and the property owners and those who hoped to be of the property class ombined to win the election. But out of this alliance grew a tendency, fostered by protective tariff, to utilize the government for special interests, until within the last ten years the control of this country has virtually passed into the

hands of less than a dozen me

"The people who now hold the po in their hands are as scripulous as to the outward form of the government as was Caesar Augustus when he took the rule of Rome even while the shadow of license is liable to fine and imprisonment. the people's sovereignty remained. A President still lives in Washington, a Congress meets and passes laws, judges the establishment of two wireless stasit to interpret them. Even the formulas tions, three miles apart, for the transof the Constitution, giving each citizen mission of power. his rights, remain nominally in force "Recently we have seen the Federal government strain and try its best to

continued the speaker.

#### nothing has resulted but a lot of talking.' JOHN JACOB ASTOR ILL

of the Grin.

New York, Dec. 15 .- Col. John Jacob Astor is laid up with an attack of grip at governs. his home, 840 Fifth avenue. Dr. Joseph E. Winters is attending him.

Dies Reading the Bible.

Carte Lunch Served Daily

### JOHNSON IS A CANDIDATE.

Surgeon He Wants Nomination. Minneapolis, Dec. 15 .- "I certainly am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President," is the statement Gov. Johnson made to Dr. W. W. Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., one of the most prominent surgeons in the country, yesterday. The doctor had a talk with the governor regarding the political situation, and shortly after gave the Rochester newspaper a statement. He said the governor did not endeavor to hide the fact that he would be a candidate, providing there was enough support.

# ABE HUMMEL NEAR DEATH.

Convict Lawyer Cannot Recover, Says Island Physician,

New York, Dec. 15 .- While climbing the stairs to his room on the second floor of the hospital at Blackwells Island, on Saturday afternoon, Abraham Hummel collapsed on the landing at the first floor

and had to be carried to his room. Dr. Matz, the resident physician on the island, said to-day that Hummel was in a dying condition. Dr. Sigmund Tynberg, of 1329 Madison avenue, one of the visiting doctors at the penitentiary, was called in on Saturday. He prescribed a of education and turning the schools

no hope of the patient's recovery. A. H. Kaffenburgh, Hummel's nephew, was sent for and went immediately to the island, but was not allowed to see Hummel, as Dr. Tynberg had forbidden it. Hummel has not been told of his true hasten his death

#### BURNS UP \$10,000 IN BILLS.

Ohio Farmer, Dying, Destroys Money

\$10,000 in bills to-day, a short time before determined opponent of the change when bills were found by the members of his still does, that the District Commission-

He had steadfastly refused to put the the imbroglio between the board of edu-\$10,000, the savings of years, into a cation and the superintendent, he bebank, but kept the money under his pil- lieves, with many others, that it has This morning he amused himself by

setting fire to them and watching them

andidate on a radical Democratic ticket. Brooklyn Congregation Feels Sorry for Indicted Man.

> Charge Preferred Against Mr. Jenkins, Sr.

the Sumner Avenue Baptist Church held government, and that at present the lyn, this morning, in the interest of John phenomenon of a government higher than G. Jenkins, sr., who is under indictment

Trust Company. of to-day, who, he said, were allowing church for more than fifty years, and at times has aided it financially, and he and all. public still, even while they usurped all the members of his family, including his three sons, John G. Jenkins, jr., Frank,

On Friday evening at the regular prayer

deliver a sermon.

Then he referred to the serious troubles of the Jenkinses, father and sons, continued Mr. Cockran, "is that instead and after explaining what had taken place investigation of the school question as of turning immediately to the government on Friday evening, read the resolutions soon as the Congress reconvenes after for assistance, the bankers and financiers expressing confidence in him and the the holiday recess, and press it to as turned to a private citizen. In so far as belief that he never intentionally did the speedy a conclusion as is compatible

When Pastor Greene had concluded the a full and fair hearing to all sides. way commission of the necessity of bet- part, and one contingent upon the initial reading of the resolutions the members confident expectation in quarters where ad paid \$50,000 toward clearing the in- schools be placed under the directio

### POWER BY WIRELESS.

mitting Energy Through Space.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 15.-Harry M. Grout, a nineteen-year-old Spencer boy, transmit power regularly and in a prac-

raphy for five years, electricity being his hobby. He is a student at David H. a Prouty High School. He is now planning

Grout has been studying wireless teleg-

#### IRONY FOR TRUANT PRINCE. Ferdinand of Bulgaria Asked

Spend Part of Time at Home. Sofia, Dec. 15.-The Opposition in the Bulgarian Sobranje, who took no part in the debate on the address to Prince Yorker Laid Up With Attack Ferdinand, formulated an address of its wn, in which Prince Ferdinand was respectfully asked to spend at least thirty onsecutive days annually in the land he

Diabolo a "Prohibited Pet." London, Dec. 15 .- Diabolo has become such a craze on board vessels in the Bellefontaine, Ohio, Dec. 15 .- As he was Mediterranean fleet that diabolo sets are now rated with parrots and monkeys as reading a favorite chapter of the Bible "prohibited pets." to his wife, John Young, seventy years

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# FRIENDS OF SCHOOL CHANGE INCREASING

ONE CENT.

Sentiment in House Crystallizes in Its Favor.

OUTLOOK FOR DISTRICT

What Is Promised for Legislation Affecting Capital.

Union Station Temporary Track Plan Being Pushed-Congressman Smith Will Sound Terminal Company's Attitude - Permanent Improvement Has Rocky Road Before It-Sims Bill May Be Changed.

Sentiment in the Lower House of Con gress continues slowly but surely to erystallize in favor of abolishing the board special course of treatment, but held out over to the control of the Commissioners of the District as the quickest and surest way of ending the present difficulty and effectually preventing its recurrence in the future.

A number of members who were most condition, as the doctors believe it would prominent in furthering the legislation which created the present system have within the last few days voluntarily gone to Congressman Smith, of Michigan, who will be chairman of the House Commit-Rather Than Leave It to Children. | tee on the District of Columbia when its Marion, Ohio, Dec. 15 .- John Gordon, a membership is announced, and declared wealthy farmer of this county, burned their change of faith. Mr. Smith was a he died. The charred remnants of the it was proposed, believing then, as he family, but as they were mostly ashes, ers not only are competent to adminisno attempt will be made to have them ter the school system of the District, but that they are the only proper adminis-Gordon was eighty-five years old, and trators thereof. While he regrets as sinin the last few weeks had grown childish. cerely as do the people of the District shown the justice of the contention which he and others made against the change, burn. He then succumbed to heart dis- and expects to see it finally result in returning the control of the schools to the

governing board of the District.

Commissioners Should Control. Mr. Smith is outspoken and plain in his fews or, the question. "The President of the United States," he said last night, appoints the Commissioners, and it is a foregone conclusion that he takes pride in naming men who are thoroughly fitted for the important administrative position to which he appoints them. It cannot be questioned that they are entirely capable of properly administering the schools, as well as any other department of the District government. The President has ugh to do without being bothered with

the provision of school administrators, New York, Dec. 15.-The members of and the courts have enough to do also." Senator Burkett has not as yet asked for a meeting of the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia to consider his resolution suspending the Chancellor that of the Federal Constitution, ruling on the charge of perjury in connection school muddle, which has been ordered by with reports made to the State banking the Senate. Four days more, at most, redepartment regarding the Williamsburg main before the Christmas recess will begin, and it is not now believed that Mr. Mr. Jenkins has been a member of the Burkett will press his resolution until

after the holidays, if he should do so at

House Would Stop Trial, Should the resolution, however, be and Frederick, are highly thought of by favorably reported to the Senate by the District Committee, and be passed by the Senate, as it doubtless will be if so reday," said Mr. Cockran, "but I have no meeting, a committee was appointed to ported, it will be at once introduced in intention of touching upon political mat- draft resolutions of confidence in Mr. Jen- the House, and would, it is believed by ters of a partisan nature or of suggesting kins. This committee considered the matremedial measures, because by so doing ter on Saturday, and to-day, when the body also. It is thought, however, that pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert M. Greene, en- this will not be necessary, as the board The speaker referred at once to the tered the pulpit, he had the resolutions of education is not expected to continue the trial under the conditions which ren-After the opening prayer the pastor and dered it objectionable to many members nounced that the regular services would of both Houses of Congress, this objec-

> kett's resolution. The Senate Committee on the District of Columbia is expected to take up the with getting all the facts and granting of the church cheered. Then one after the facts are known is that the investinother arose and spoke of the many gation will result in the reconstruction good qualities of Mr. Jenkins; how he of administering the schools on lines radhad at times proved his love for the ically differing from those at present church and its members, and how he in use. The suggestion is made that the ucation, appointed by the District comers, who shall exercise the same supervision over the work of this depart-

nent as over other branches of the District government. Pushing Tracks to Station.

Congressman Smith, chairman-to-be of the House District Committee, will tosays he has gone ahead of Marconi, and day or to-morrow call on the officials of has succeeded in operating electric lights the terminal company controlling the and motors by electric magnetic waves at Union Station and ask their views redistances of 900 feet and more at the garding the pending legislation for the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Young purpose of securing traction facilities direct to the station. He will ask them specifically whether, in the event that the Sims bill, providing for a temporary overhead trolley line to connect the street railway system with the station, shall pass, the terminal company will construct the temporary connecting line, as is provided in Mr. Sims' measure. He will also ask definite information, in case they agree to construct the line, as to the fare which will be charged over the temporary line, whether transfers will be exchanged with the traction companies, and whether the contemplated link will consist of one or two tracks. Mr. Smith desires this information preliminary to taking action on the Union Station track question, so that it can be determined whether the terminal company will have to be required to construct the line and make traffic arrangements which will be agreeable to Congress and the people. open question whether, in case the terminal company should decline to perform the requirements of the Sims bill or any milar measure, it could be compelled by

> Temporary Line First. Any immediate relief from the intoler-

Congress to do so.

able condition prevailing with regard to direct communication with the station, it is conceded, must come through the medium of a temporary line. Mr. Sims'

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